

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIS JA PE KS IWC-1  
SUBJ: ROK WHALING ACTIVITIES

REF: (A) STATE 67784, (B) SEOUL 3993

1. JUST RELEASED ROK FISHERIES YEARBOOK (POUCHED TO END-USERS) SHOWS NO REPEAT NO FIN WHALE CATCH FOR 1976. HOWEVER, IT REPORTS A COASTAL TAKE OF 43 BRYDES WHALES WEIGHING 657 METRIC TONS (M/T) AND 494 MINKE WHALES WEIGHING 1,228 M/T.

2. INASMUCH AS ROKG STATISTICS HAVE REPORTED FIN WHALES IN PAST, EMBOFF REQUESTED EXPLANATION. WITH SOME CONSTERNATION OVER STATISTICAL GAFF, OFA REPRESENTATIVE EXPLAINED THAT LOCAL FISHERMEN HAD NOT REALLY KNOWN WHAT KIND OF WHALES THEY HAD BEEN CATCHING, BUT IN THE COURSE OF ENFORCING TIGHTENED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, OFA HAD DISCOVERED THE ERROR. AIRGRAM IN PREPARATION WILL INDICATE OTHER PAST REPORTING ERRORS, NONE OF WHICH ARE AS SIGNIFICANT AS THIS ONE.

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3. IN RESPONSE TO USG INITIATIVES, ROKG IN 1977 RESTRICTED WHALING BOATS TO 100 GROSS TONS OR LESS AND SET 100 MILES OFFSHORE AS THE FURTHEST DISTANCE AT WHICH THEY MAY OPERATE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT U.S. AGENCIES CORRECT ROK

WHALING STATISTICS TO SHOW BRYDES WHALES WHERE FIN  
WHALES HAVE BEEN RECORDED, AND NOTE THAT THE PELLY  
AMENDMENT NO REPEAT NO LONGER APPEARS TO BE APPLICABLE  
TO KOREA.  
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